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K. HARWOOD THE PETITIONER

Darius Springer Alleged to Have Neg- lected His Family—Judge Ham- mer Appointed John Arm- strong as Conservator.

Darius Springer was in the county court today to answer a charge of being a drunkard and spendthrift. The petitioner was K. Harwood, the commander of Donham Post, G. A. R. Springer is an old soldier and receives a pension of \$17 per month. It was charged that he spent all his money for drink and did not provide for the family, so that they were forced to apply to the county for food and fuel. The members of the post also helped the family. Attorney Joe Housen appeared for the petitioner and Attorney Ed Wilson for Springer.

Witnesses testified that Springer was unable to get work on account of his bad habits and that he drank up his pension money and for the defense witnesses testified that he was not a drunkard and spendthrift. The jury returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty and Judge Hammer appointed John Armstrong as conservator for Springer. The jury was composed of the following: Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy, James Wyckoff, J. M. Huff, Ed Morris, J. H. Layton and Milton Bivans.

Important to Sunday School Workers

Examine the program of the Bible in- stitute for tomorrow, and be sure to at- tend every session. Mrs. Lamoreaux is secretary of primary work in this state and every teacher in the city, and espe- cially every primary or intermediate teacher, should hear this earnest, efficient and consecrated woman. It will give you new inspiration for your work. The committee feel that they have in this program something helpful to every worker. It is needless for us to call the attention of the workers to the ability of Messrs. Pierce and Miller for it is already known, and their very name upon the program will bespeak for them an earnest and careful bearing. The members of our local workers who have consented to appear upon the program are earnest and zealous and we urge the hearty co-operation of everyone in the city interested in Sunday school work. Let us make this institute as helpful to the schools and to us individually as it is possible for us to do.

It was expected to hold a little informal reception this evening for our visiting friends, but as Mrs. Lamoreaux and Mr. Pierce will not reach the city until 10 o'clock, it will not be held.

A. H. Mills, Chairman Executive Committee.

Springtime in Texas.

George W. Hizer, who is visiting with his daughter, at Waco, Texas, writes to friends in Decatur that they are in the midst of a most delightful spring. The weather is warm, the flowers are in bloom and all the spring vegetables, which come to the resident of Illinois at an abnormal price and flavor or at a wait of three months, are plentiful there. Mr. Hizer thinks that he will never enjoy life in Illinois again.

Going South.

E. A. Gastman left this afternoon for Chattanooga, Tenn., where next week he will attend the meeting of the National Superintendents' Association. He will spend Sunday with friends in Huntsville, Ala. He will be home on Saturday, February 26. The office will be open as usual during his absence. Miss Elizabeth Matthews will be in charge.

Baby's Arm Broken.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Baker of 968 North Broadway, in playing yesterday afternoon tipped his high chair over and fell to the floor breaking his arm. Dr. H. C. Jones set the bone. The fracture is not a complicated one and not serious.

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THE "MAINE" CALAMITY.

Prompt Steps Taken to Investigate the Cause of the Explosion.

CAPT. SIGSBEE IN COMMAND OF DIVERS

Spanish Trickery Will Not Be Tolerated in the In-quiry--Request Denied--Mysterious Events on the Day and Night of the Catastro- phe--Naval Department Active.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Maine naval investigating board will proceed at once to Havana, where the work can be conducted rapidly to a finish with the as- sistance of Captain Sigsbee, and informa- tion gathered by divers from the wreck.

Captain Sigsbee has telegraphed that he has made an arrangement with the Spanish officials for the prosecution of the inquiry and that there is no friction. Notwithstanding Captain Sigsbee's opin- ion that bodies of the dead cannot be re- moved from Havana, the navy depart- ment is still beset with applications for the return of the Maine victims to the United States for burial. This morning Captain Sigsbee telegraphed that the bod- ies of Officers Merrit and Jenkins were not yet found, and repeated that it is im- possible to send home other bodies, as many could not be identified. Captain Sigsbee adds that 126 of the dead are al- ready buried, with nine ready for burial.

WE WILL LOOK FIRST.

Spaniards Will Not Be Allowed to Join in the Maine Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day of the state department, had an interview with Presi- dent McKinley this morning concerning the cablegram from Consul General Lee, transmitting a request for the Spanish authorities at Cuba that they be per- mitted to join our people in investigating the cause of the disaster to the Maine. Gen- eral Lee was notified that while this gov- ernment was willing to afford the Span- iards all reasonable facilities for the in- vestigation, it was thought best that the first inquiry be made by our own com- missioners. The request was, therefore, respectfully declined.

Captain Sigsbee in Command.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Spanish re- quest to be permitted to participate in the examination of the wreck of the Maine came in the following dispatch from Con- sul General Lee, received last night: "Sigsbee begins tomorrow with divers sent him from the United States to re- cover all the bodies still left in the wreck of the Maine, as well as the personal effects of officers and men, and whatever else can be obtained in that way. After that is completed the Spanish government would like to enter with curs in having the bottom of the ship and harbor in the vicinity jointly examined." The follow- ing answer was sent: "The government of the United States has already begun investigation as to the cause of the disas- ter to the Maine through officers of the navy, especially appointed for that pur- pose, which will proceed independently. This government will afford every facility it can to the Spanish authorities in what- ever investigation they may see fit to make on their part."

It appears that Spain at first based it's right to participate in the divers' investi- gation on the ground that the wreck lies in Spanish jurisdiction, but the difficulty was relieved this morning by the Spanish charge d'affaires, who said there was a harmonious understanding between Cap- tain Sigsbee and the Spanish authorities at Havana, whereby the wreck of the Maine will be considered extrajurisdictional, or United States possession, just as in the United States consulate. Under this agreement Captain Sigsbee will proceed to send down divers and make the ex- amination. At the same time the Spanish charge d'affaires feels assured that Cap- tain Sigsbee will allow the Spanish divers equal and simultaneous facilities during the examination.

WHEAT IN CHICAGO

Shipment of Leiter Hold- ings Caused Advance.

MAY CLOSES AT \$1.06.

Sensational Arrest at Wilmington— Stole \$100,000—Prominent Men Implicated in the Case.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—May option advan- ced eight cents during the week, while July gained six cents. The market was unusually active and nervous today though the news was in no way sensa- tional, outside of a few war rumors abroad. The direct cause of May advanc- ing 5 1/2 cents and July 5 1/2 cents, part of which later was lost, was the shipment of shorts wheat, and the stampede of the Levant attempting to cover on curb. May closed at \$1.06, with calls at \$1.13.

CAUGHT IN WILMINGTON.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 19.—William N. Boggs, defaulting paying teller of the First National bank at Dover, Del., was arrested here today. Boggs is said to have made away with over \$100,000. Four prominent men of Kent county were also arrested, charged with aiding Boggs in the stealings. Their names are R. T. Cooper, ex Sheriff Anna Cole, Thomas C. Clark, Charles L. Butler.

SPANISH SENTIMENT.

Text of an Inflammatory Circular Printed at Havana.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 19.—Jose Luis Mi- guel, a well known Cuban of this city, has in his possession a circular issued in Ha- vana against the Americans. It reads as follows: "Spaniards—The time has arrived when the patience of the loyal has van- ished before the decided protection that the Americans lend to the hands of tur- bulent forages who lay in waste our coun- try. Death to them. "The moment has arrived to lower the colossal head of the Americans, and prove to them that our unconquerable nation can reach the domes of the capitol at Wash- ington and demand reparation for the grave offenses which they daily inflict up- on us. Expel—yes, expel without delay Consul General Lee, who, with his fame, is nothing more than the miserable sec- retary of the bandits. Away, away with the Yankee consulate protector of the criminals of the lowest degree. Every moment the action of justice is impeded by American interference. Are we to continue our toleration? No! No! A thousand times no! "Consul General Lee, when the stupen- dous explosion comes that will tear your vitals apart, and carry constriction to the whole city, if you have strength left, it will be well for you to be yourself to your country, and relate what has hap- pened to you. Long life to Spain! Long life to Spanish Cuba! Death to our ene- mies! Death to the Americans!"

DECLARE FOR WAR.

Cincinnati Board of Trade Men Ready for Trouble.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—A resolution call- ing on President McKinley to end the war in Cuba was read on "Change yester- day afternoon. It passed amid scenes of patriotic exultation. It is as follows: "The membership of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has regarded with satisfaction the conservative and dignified course which has been pursued and main- tained by the chief executive of our gov- ernment for the last two years, during which the struggle for freedom has been going on in the island of Cuba. "We are impressed with the seriousness of the prolongation of this struggle implies from a humanitarian standpoint, in which cruelties have been practiced by the Spanish army unknown to modern warfare among civilized nations, and the disturbing influences to American trade with it, and, believing, diplomacy has ut- terly failed to accomplish any object ex- cept delay, and that autonomy has been proved to be a delusion and the proposed commercial treaty a subterfuge to gain further time; therefore, be it "Resolved, by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, That the time has come for final action by the United States gov- ernment, and we call upon the president and congress to take immediate steps to vindicate American honor and to bring hostilities upon the island of Cuba to a close, pledging the hearty co-operation of this body to whatever measures the pres- ident and congress may adopt."

EXPLOSION NIGHT AT HAVANA

Suspicious Episodes Connected with the Maine Disaster.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—Surviving officers and men from the Maine who have arrived from Havana, while refus- ing to be personally quizzed, do not hesi- tate to express the opinion that the big battleship, now a total wreck in Havana bay, was deliberately blown up by Span- iards anxious to precipitate war with the United States—not by Captain General Blanco's followers, nor by advocates of his policy, but by partisans of Weyler and the Spanish republic who are specially numerous in naval as well as military circles, and represent the strongest anti- American sentiment of Cuba outside of the volunteer regiments. War would favor Weyler's plans. The news that President McKinley had decided to keep the Maine in Havana bay drove the Spaniards into a frenzy and boasts were openly made in the local clubs and cafes by navy and army people in Spanish uniforms that if she did not leave port before the 15th last there would be trouble.

CONFIDENCE.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Expressions of confidence continue to flow in at the state department from foreign nations. Among the dispatches received this morning was one from General Woodford at Madrid, conveying the profound sorrow and sym- pathy of the queen regent of Spain.

MINGLE GUILTY

Jim Confessed to His At- torney Before His Trial.

DID NOT SPEAK ON GALLOWS

All Doubt at Rest—Maine Disaster Causes a Murder in the Coal Mining Regions of the East.

Springfield, Feb. 19.—It has been learn- ed from an absolutely creditable source that James Mingle, hanged for murder, previous to his trial, confessed to his law- yer, Attorney W. R. Colby, that he killed baby Ericson. It is only his regard for professional ethics and his obligations to his client, even after death, that prevents Mr. Colby from making public the ac- knowledgement of guilt made by Mingle to him. After consulting Judge Craig- ton he decided finally not to admit the truth for publication, but when asked if he would deny the story Mr. Colby said he would not. The doubt of Mingle's guilt has thus been effectually cleared away.

Killed a Spaniard.

Wallstein, Ohio, Feb. 19.—A Spanish miner yesterday in a crowd of miners near Glenroy boasted that Spain would make short work of the United States in case of a naval war. He had barely ut- tered the boast when a plow was driven into his brain, killing him. He went by the name of Alexander Alexander. It is not known whether he was a naturalized citizen of the United States or still a citizen of Spain.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Woman's temple at Chicago is to be known in future as Willard Temple, in honor of the deceased president. Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Dover, Mo., is the successor of Miss Willard as president of the National W. C. T. U. De Lome has been hung in effigy at Somerset, Ky; Metropolis citizens have held an indignation meeting calling for an end of the Cuban war; St. Louis citi- zens will meet to call for prompt action against Spain; a California regiment is ready to go to the front against Spain, and Indiana and Missouri Veterans are ready to fight. W. S. Forman of East St. Louis, candi- date for governor on the gold standard Democratic ticket at the last election, has been appointed by Governor Tanner a member of the state board of arbitration. Chicago gamblers yesterday paid over \$3444 as fines.

GOOD PRICE FOR CORN.

Ford County Farmer Sells 4,000 Bushels for \$1.130.

Paxton, Ill., Feb. 19.—S. L. Day sold 4000 bushels of corn at Clarence, Ford county, yesterday, for \$1.130 or 28 1/2 cents per bushel. This is the best sale made in three years.

The Tabernacle Revival.

The annual revival of the Church Street Christian church begins tomorrow at the tabernacle. Evangelist J. V. Coombs of Indianapolis is here and will do the preaching while Pastor Hall does the bustling. The congregation has been well organized for the effort and every- thing is promising for a great meeting. Prof. Calvin will direct the singing. There will be three services tomorrow and every Sunday with nightly services throughout the week.

John O'Neil Dead.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Hon. John O'Neil, ex-member of congress, died today after a long illness.

Bank Statement.

New York, Feb. 19.—The weekly bank statement shows the reserve decreased \$4,749,000. The banks hold \$85,688,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Buried at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 19.—The body of Ensign J. C. Breckenridge, drowned off the torpedo boat Cushing near Havana, was buried here today.

Rain All Day.

This has been a wet day in Decatur. The drip began last night and it has continued with marked industry, falling to knock off the breakfast or dinner.

St. Louis Embarrassment.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—C. W. Barstow, dealer in paints, oils and naval stores has had a chattel deed of trust to secure cred- its in the amount of \$700,000.

CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The house took up the bankruptcy bill under an order for the final vote at 4 o'clock. The bill is to be open to amendment today and debate is limited to five minutes each.

STEAMER LUCILE STRANDED.

Supplies for Alaska Tied Up at Depart- ure Bay.

Tacoma, Wa. h., Feb. 19.—The ship Lu- cille, having on board the government re- lief expedition, is stranded at Departure Bay, waiting for something to come along and tow it on to Dyak.

STEAMER LUCILE STRANDED.

The Lucille has 112 mules, 106 tons of freight, five packers, two United States officers, and 24 men. The vessel after many annoying delays, left Seattle Wed- nesday morning in tow of the tug Mon- arch. It had been arranged that the Monarch should take it to Skaguay. The Monarch got the Lucille to Nainaiho all right. The Sea Lion is also there, but according to a telegram received by Quar-

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Miss Kitty Van Geldres, a New York belle, after having given the social world every reason to believe that she would accept the devoted Count von Maistern, becomes engaged to Teddy Acton. The count goes away, leaving his valet, Berthold, assistant butler in the Van Geldres household. A few days before the wedding Maistern returns. He calls on Kitty, is shown the wedding presents, and gives the girl, for his gift, a curious opal ring—a family heirloom. That night Acton disappears, and many of the valuable gifts are stolen. Some people believe that Acton has taken the things, but Kitty cannot. Neither can Berthold. Flint—Acton's law partner, who believes that the count has abducted Teddy. Flint begins an investigation with some startling results. First, he finds that the ring Maistern gave Kitty was a poisoned ring, and would have killed her, had she worn it. He next discovers that Maistern's yacht has been reported at Barbadoes, en route for New York.

PART III.

When the door closed behind him that fateful night, Teddy stood a moment smiling softly. He expected to have it reopen for another tender adieu, but as he bent over the heavy handle, a firm hand was planted on his mouth, his legs were lifted from the step, and in an instant he was seated in a carriage. That he recalled distinctly, but afterwards he had no memory of the journey or his captors until he awoke with the sun streaming in upon him through the narrow panel of a port hole. At the same moment he was conscious of the rolling movement of a craft at sea, the tread of feet above his head, and the drawing tones of the skipper. He was in a very commodious bunk in a very completely fitted cabin. His first glance informed him that he was not free, for his narrow windows were barred with ornamental brass bars. He knew without trying it, that the door was locked. His head ached atrociously, and his throat was parched, as after a long ride in the sun. He drank copiously from the pitcher, and scanned the water outside. He could catch a faint outline of banks that seemed familiar, but he was not certain. Then he tried to reconstruct the events of the night. It was more than he could do; beyond the abduction at Kitty's door, his mind retained nothing. He must wait the pleasure of his tormentors to learn whether the affair was a joke or a villainy. He was minded to ring and make a row, but as the craft was at sea there would be no advantage in hastening events. Still as the moments passed and no one paid any heed, he set up an outcry. It was labor lost. He was still incapable of coherent thinking, and threw himself on the couch, dazed with doubt, but in no alarm. It was Kitty he was thinking of, wondering if she knew of the villainy that kept him from her. He was almost terrified to find someone standing beside him, as he had not heard a lock turn, nor the noise of an opening door. A nattily-equipped steward held a tray on his arm as he spoke:



"IF HE WOULD SHOW HIS FACE, I'D—"

was conscious of himself again and his surroundings, the perfectly tranquil figure and serene smile of the count were before him. He strove to rise, but found himself strapped to the bunk. He glared at his enemy in impotent fury.

"You have not signed your confession?"

"If it is ever signed it will be with your blood, you—" But Teddy couldn't find revilement strong enough; he fairly choked at the thought of being so near and yet so helpless to throttle the incredible wretch.

"You lack repose, my good fellow," the count went on, gazing at his victim, curiously. "It's a characteristic of you Yankees; you do everything with violence. Listen, there is absolutely no choice for you in this matter, that is if you are sane. This yacht is at sea; I can have the pleasure of your company for years, or I can have you as my guest rather, for I shall quit you soon. Now in New York you can never appear again. The form of letter I submit to you, seems to me a duty to the lady who honored you until you dishonored her. So far as I'm concerned, I don't care a straw whether you return to New York or not; but I must warn you that every hour's delay brings Miss Van Geldres' life in peril. Don't you mind even that?" he asked, with just an inflection of surprise, for Teddy had remained quite impassive.

"Ab, I see, you don't believe me; well, you shall see. He took a small jewel case from his vest pocket, and opening it, drew from it a ring, which sent a flash of light athwart the narrow cabin. "You recognize the jewel? It is the duplicate of the one Miss Van Geldres did me the honor to accept in your presence. You recollect, eh?" He drew his chair nearer Acton as he spoke. "Now, the ring was an invention of one of my Italian forefathers. Observe its wonders! By putting it on the finger in this fashion, you wear it a thousand years, but by putting it on in this fashion," and he turned the circle, "you would find death in twenty days. If you remember I explained to Miss Van Geldres that the latter is the way to wear it, as with the other side up the sharp point of the setting would catch on the flesh. It is ten days since the ring was given. You will also recollect that it was not placed among the presents, and hence was not taken with the rest of the jewels. Now if your letter is not written and signed in time for me to reach New York, Miss Van Geldres perishes by a mysterious disease. Gossip will say that it is the broken heart, we hear of when lovers prove untrue. You see you will be fatal to your sweetheart if you persist in the hope to undo what is irrevocable."

Teddy lay motionless, gazing in a sort of stupefaction at the extraordinary being, rattling off a message: you will be landed in South Amer-

LILLIAN, on Six. P. 94.

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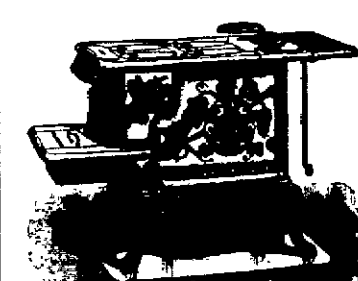
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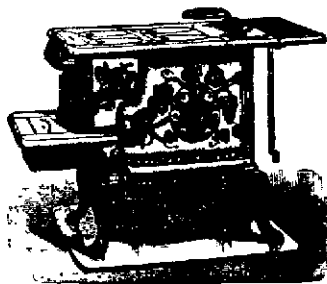
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LOCAL NEWS.

Lent will begin next Wednesday.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

The children of the Marietta school were entertained Friday afternoon by the Henderson pictures, each child giving a penny toward the fund.

Quinoria positively cures chills and fever when other remedies fail. No cure, no pay.

The golden wedding of "Squire and Mrs. E. A. Barnwell, formerly residents of Decatur, was celebrated Tuesday at their home in Cero Gordo. They received two five dollar gold pieces and other presents.

Bromoline will cure a cold while you sleep. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

The people know that the Reed & Son's and Haines pianos are the best. That is why the C. B. Prescott music house, where the instruments are sold, makes such a large record of sales.

Senorets cure chronic constipation, kidney and liver complaint. Price, 25c.

Attorney T. M. Hobart and family will depart next week for Fairfield, Wayne county, Ill., where Mr. Hobart will practice his profession. He has traded his Decatur property for 180 acres of land near Fairfield.

The executive committee of the C. E. society of the First Presbyterian church will give a colonial reception at the church on next Tuesday evening. The reception is given for the new members of the society. There will be several musical and literary numbers and a number of colonial tableaux. Refreshments will be served and those having the program in charge will be dressed in colonial costumes. The Sunday school orchestra will play.

A program of particular interest will be given at the First Presbyterian Sunday school tomorrow morning. Honor day will be observed and the Loyal Army Sunday school certificates will be presented to those who have been faithful in attendance, study and contribution. A. H. Mills will have charge of the presentation of certificates. The regular Sunday school exercises will not be observed. Addresses will be made by W. C. Pearce, G. W. Miller and Mrs. S. M. Lamoreaux. Music by the Sunday school orchestra.

Kin-Hee
Is the name of a high grade coffee packed in one pound tin cans, cost 85 cents per can. It's a fine drinker. Try it.

Another Bicycle Thief.
Another bicycle thief is in jail charged with stealing a wheel from George Stadler. His name is John Beckwith and he is a boy about 17 years old. The police have had a good deal of trouble lately with bicycle thieves. Three boys are now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. Beckwith will soon have a hearing and will probably also be bound over.

NOT FOR FRIENDS

Are We to Eat What We Don't Want.

A famous physician, in a late article on the subject of health, speaking particularly of the value of good digestion, says:

"Don't eat anything you don't want, even to please your friends."

"Don't be afraid of microbes; they will not hurt you."

"A healthy condition of the stomach makes a healthy skin and a good complexion."

"Learn and practice good habits; they are easy and most pleasant."

"A diet with an eye to acquiring flesh should consist of liquids—milk, water, but not coffee or tea; no hot breads, plenty of butter and cheese."

"Above all, eat slowly and never exercise until half an hour after meals."

It will be observed that this physician, like all others who are well informed on the subject of tea and coffee, advises the abandonment of the use of common coffee, for it is now well known to have a definite ill effect upon the stomach and all of the digestive organs of the human body. There are some who are strong enough to stand this daily abuse, but when one finds he is suffering in some part of the body, he will not go far as to remember that the wonderful complex nervous system may become conscious of pain in a part of the body very far removed from the actual cause of the trouble, and even in the case of weak eyes, if coffee is left off and a nourishing liquid food, like Postum Food Coffee taken in its place, the stomach and nerve centers will gradually respond to the change, and the chances are that the weak eyes, that were considered weak because of some local complication, will become strong and well again, owing to a removal of the indirect cause of the trouble. These facts do not only apply to troubles of the eye, but they apply with equal force to trouble in the stomach, kidneys, liver, bowels, heart, neuralgia, and a hundred and one complaints and ailments that arise from disorder at the center of the human structure, namely, the stomach and solar plexus.

Postum Food Coffee is especially designed for those who have trouble from coffee drinking. It has a delicious Java-like taste of coffee when it is properly prepared, and has the exact color of the finest Mocha. It can be used by children and adults with impunity.

THE CLUB CIRCLE

What Earnest, Thoughtful
Ladies are Doing.

THE CHILD'S STUDY DIVISION

Papers by Mrs. Charles Murphy and Miss Pratt—Decatur Club Calendar—Federation Meeting—Social News.

Papers of unusual interest were given at the meeting of the Child's Study Division on last Tuesday. There was a large attendance of mothers. Ideas especially worthy of consideration brought out in the paper read by Mrs. Charles Murphy on "Reverence and Worship," were that we are in a period of transition in regard to reverence. In the childhood of many mothers of today reverence means a state of awe and fear. The pendulum swung from that to the other extreme in the present generation and in the coming generation the return to reverence is marked by a truer spirit of reverence or a truer conception of reverence. Mrs. Murphy also suggested that the mothers take care not to ridicule the ideas their children have of religion, although they may be very amusing. Often children are more capable than we think to understand thoughts which we consider too deep for their comprehension. They have no such faith and these thoughts presented in the right manner are probably as clear to them as to us. We must become as children to understand—must have the faith of a child. They are not familiar with that which is not pure and their minds are more ready to conceive of that which is pure than ours. We should not consider them unable to understand the thoughts we would teach if they are presented to them in the right manner. Much is due to the atmosphere of the home.

Miss Pratt in her paper on "Sunday Occupations for Children" suggested that there be games and plays, which will furnish amusement for the restless children and from which the nights bearing on the sanctity of the day may be drawn. It should be made a happy and joyous day because both father and mother are there. There may be certain toys and games regarded as Sunday pleasure. Above all things it should not be a day of restraint, not one to be dreaded by the children, but welcomed.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Sociosis, Monday, February 21; subject, "The Chemistry of Cooking and Cleaning," Miss Chloe Murphy, Mrs. Phyllis Johnson.

Chautauque, Tuesday, February 22; subject, "Roman Life in Pliny's Time," chapter VI: "History of Mediaeval Europe," chapters VII-VIII.

Child's Study, Tuesday, February 22; subject, "Accuracy and Truthfulness," Mrs. C. E. Akers; "Imagination," Mrs. A. T. Whitwell.

Palmettos, Tuesday, February 22; subject, "History of England at the Time of Richard III."

Shakespeare, Wednesday, February 23; subject, "Romeo and Juliet," act IV; paper on the nurse, Mrs. Hutchinson; paper on Lady Capulet, Miss Alice Robinson.

Art and Literature, Thursday, February 24; subject, art class, "Ceramics," Miss Whitmer; "Chicago Art Institute," Mrs. Mary A. Haworth; "Art Paper," Miss Freeman; literature class, magazine day, review of the current magazines by Miss Gale, Miss Calk, Miss Brooks, Mrs. J. S. King.

Musical, Friday, February 25; subject, Miscellaneous day, study of Browning.

CLUB MEETINGS—SOCIAL NEWS.

The meeting for the organization of the Federation of Women's clubs for the 15th district is called for Friday, February 25, at the Women's club rooms. There will be representatives from every Woman's club in the district. An interesting program has been arranged which will be published later.

The Musical Culture club will hold an open meeting on next Friday evening at the Women's club rooms. Each member will invite three friends. A miscellaneous program will be given. Those who will take part in the program are Misses Mae Harwood, Miss Emily Hamacher, Miss Grace Hamacher, Neta Clark, Edna Bunn, Anna Roberts, Nellie Moore, Anna Paakard. Mrs. Philbrook will give a paper. There will also be several selections from choruses.

The French club meet on next Tuesday afternoon, February 22, at 2:30 o'clock, with Miss Edith Rice.

The Saturday Afternoon Enchore club was entertained by Miss Marie Leah of West William street this afternoon.

The members of the East End Enchore club were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seelach last evening. Twenty-five members were present. At the conclusion of the games refreshments were served on the court tables.

The Merry-Go-Round club met with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis of West Main street last evening. Supper at 7 o'clock and the remainder of the evening spent in playing euchre was the program.

Miss Clara Green of West Prairie avenue entertained at a 6 o'clock luncheon last evening. Twenty-four guests were present.

Miss Lillian King entertained friends last evening with a number of enjoyable games. Several musical selections were given. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Starr of West Main street will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Campbell of Cincinnati.

Mrs. W. M. Catto of West William street entertained informally at cards this afternoon. Luncheon was served.

HAMLET.

Miss Wadsworth Gave Another Excellent Talk on Shakespeare.

To many the most interesting of the series of lectures given by Miss Wadsworth this week was her lecture of last evening on Hamlet. There was a large attendance. Miss Wadsworth said: "The polish of the play is of much later date, the old story is coarse and broken and it is probable that the play was begun by the poet in his youth and finished in more mature years. It is probable that there was more attention given to this play by the author than to any other of his creations. In speaking on the points of the play which are more often disputed upon Miss Wadsworth said: "Shakespeare followed the tradition of the stage. In the first quarto rendition the insanity of Hamlet was undoubtedly feigned. There is a belief that the author sought to modify it. Volumes had been written about the play, Miss Wadsworth said, and as to the question of the age of Hamlet there was in her mind no doubt. He was a young man. She thought the doubt on this part was simply raised by actors physically incapable of playing the part of a young man. Miss Wadsworth does not believe that Hamlet was insane. His melancholy seems natural.

In closing Miss Wadsworth said: "The study of Shakespeare is life long and absolutely inexhaustible. One of the most happy signs in the advancing civilization is the study of Shakespeare by mothers."

Miss Wadsworth gave a talk to the senior and junior classes at the High school yesterday. Her talk was chiefly of a literary nature. She urged the pupils to study the classics, both for intellectual development and the command of the English language acquired through studying them. Miss Wadsworth also spoke of her travels and delighted the pupils with her descriptions of the countries which she has visited.

AT THE GRAND.

THE HOLDENS COMING.

The engagement of the Holden comedy company will begin on Wednesday night at popular prices. Plays for four nights.

The Bloomington Pantagraph said: "Standing room was at a premium when the curtain went up for the first act of 'The Westerner.' The Holden Comedy company has always been popular here, but last night was a record breaker. The play is one of four acts and between each act specialties were introduced, to say nothing of the songs during the act. The company is somewhat changed since its last appearance here, although Kettie DeLorme still leads and pleases better than ever. The people are all clever and last night's performance was one of the best the Holdens have ever given here.

THE FRANCIS WILSON OPERA CO.

Francis Wilson and his company are announced for Monday evening, February 21, at the Powers' Grand in "Half a King." Mr. Wilson's character in "Half a King" is Tireschappe, a mountebank, who comes to Paris with his daughter, Pierrette, and his donkey. There is something bewildering in the way in which the incidents move, but nothing is out of place, except dullness, in the topsy-turvy world of a Francis Wilson comic opera.

The real Francis Wilson is seen again—nimble slipping, sliding and acrobatically tumbling about. Singing without any voice for song, but always with wonderfully humorous expression, and dancing with a grace quite infatigable. The comedian is on the stage constantly during the performance, and is never for an instant still, and the laughter is incessant.

Good Coffee.

The lover of good coffee does not expect to find quality in low price package goods; neither does he expect to buy a good article for the same price he would trash. There isn't an article of food that goes into consumption about which the consumer should exercise more care than in the selection of coffee. It should be such coffee as will impart a soothing sensation to the stomach, devoid of stringing effects of the common grades.

The proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Buy Heekin's high grade coffee; insist upon the best at all times. Heekin's will please you.

—O. M. Twissell of Chicago is in the city on a vacation trip.

ROBBER CAPTURED

While Stealing Money
from Maroa Elevator.

MONEY HAD BEEN MISSED

And a Trap was Laid for the Thief—
Elmer Baker was the Guilty
Man—Now Under
Arrest.

There was a robbery of the Crocker & Company elevator office at Maroa last night and the thief was caught while in the act of stealing money from the safe. His name is Elmer Baker and he is a son of George Baker.

The managers of the elevator have been missing small amounts of money from the place for some time past. They finally determined to watch the place and learn if possible who was stealing the money. Several nights ago plans were made to watch the office, but while the man were at supper some money was stolen. Last night a small amount of money was left in the safe and the door was left unlocked. Early in the evening young Baker broke into the office and took the money. Elmer Baker, the superintendent of the elevator, caught the young man in the act and he was at once put under arrest.

Elmer Baker is about 21 years old and is the son of George Baker, who runs a threshing machine and a corn sheller. Elmer is a brother of the young Baker boy who was arrested at Maroa for riding on the trains and was brought to Decatur for a hearing. Baker will be given a preliminary hearing at Maroa before Police Magistrate Swan. It is probable that he will be held to await the action of the grand jury and he stands good chances of going to the penitentiary.

HONOR DAY EXERCISES

To Be Held To-Morrow Morning at the
First Presbyterian Church.

Tomorrow morning at 9:30 will occur the annual honor day exercises and the awarding of diplomas by Mr. W. C. Pearce to officers, teachers and scholars—78 of them—who have earned them during the year by prompt attendance, home study of the lesson and money offering, in the Loyal S. S. Armory method. Greetings will also be given by Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux, Mr. G. W. Miller and Dr. Penhaligon. All members of our home department, members of the congregation and anyone from other schools interested in better Sunday school work, are especially invited and all others will be cordially greeted.

A. H. Mills, Supt.

TRAP-SHOOTING.

Chan Powers Making a Good Record
at Hot Springs.

Chan Powers has been making a good record for himself among the crack shots of the country at the shooting tournament in progress at Hot Springs, Ark. In the Friday shoot at targets he broke straight, 30; 18; 19; 19; 24 out of 25; 18 and 19. He won two first prizes, four second and one third.

The Most Accommodating Man
Is undoubtedly your grocer. Always ready to please you. If you ask him for Heekin's coffee you will most certainly get it and by the way, it will be the best obtainable.

Met with an Accident.
W. B. Corman of this city, who travels for F. B. Tait and Company, met with an accident at Clarksville, Iowa, where he went on business. He fell down a stairway and bruised his head and body and broke the bones in his left hand.

Investigate.
These two coffees: Kin-Hee Mocha and Java, 35 cents per pound. Lalla Rookh Java and Mocha 30 cents per pound. Packed in one pound tin cans.

Philip Boy, formerly of Gibson City, had an arm crushed nearly to the whole length in the fly wheel of a Muncie, Ind., mill, where he was working.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair
—DR.—

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lf a Block East of Transfer House.

THE ODDITIES OF THE WORLD.

Some of the Strange and Interesting Things That
Happen on This Old Earth of Ours.

Marvelous Child Musician—Indianapolis Firemen Travel by
Electricity—A Bicyclist's Daring Ride—New Use
for Electric Light—Other Odd Things.

TO RESCUE THE DROWNING.

A New Use to Be Made of the Electric
Light.

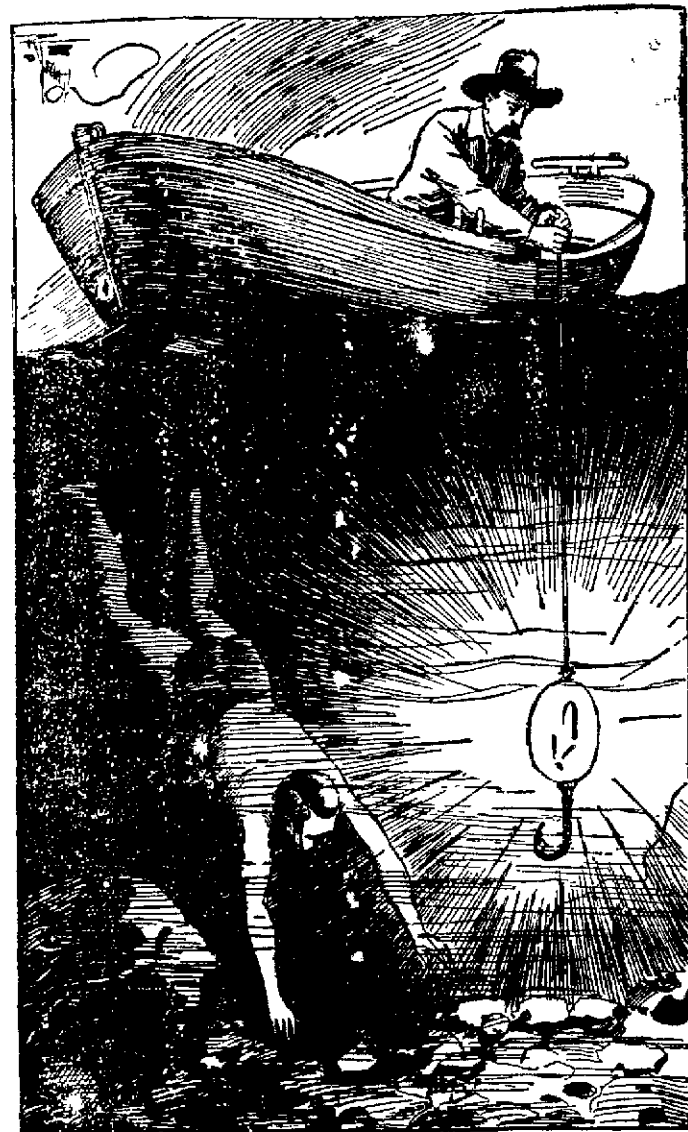
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Not all the novel electrical inventions
produced of American ingenuity.
On the coast of the Yanketee lead, and always
wily, but they have a queer idea now
and then across the water. For in-
stance, in Paris they are now rescuing
the drowning by electricity.

A person who has ever had the
traumatic experience of witnessing a
man escape from drowning may re-
member the awful moment when the
man, and being disappears beneath
the water. So long as he can be seen
floating upon the surface, though all
efforts may be dragging him down,
there is still a chance for hope. It is
the moment when the mortal creature
sinks and sinks into the arms of
death, that is unbearable to witness.

ference between death and life. That
difference often depends upon the ex-
act location of the body. In shallow
water where a rower who has hurried
to the spot may grapple for the body
with a boathook, the impossibility of
seeing more than a few feet below the
surface is the obstacle that prevents a
rescue.

This fact, so often noticed, has led
some Parisian to invent an electrically-
illuminated boathook for use in such
emergencies. It is impossible to place
the exact credit for the invention, but
to a series of tests by the police in a
natatorium in Paris and the results
were in the highest degree satisfactory.
An expert swimmer represented the
supposed drowning man. He sank to
the bottom of the tank and then moved
stealthily along the bottom so that not
a ripple showed which way he had
gone. The surface light was so ar-



FISHING FOR MEN WITH AN ILLUMINATED BOATHOOK.

The imagination is fearfully enticed by
visions of the unseen close of the tra-
gedy, the climax that veiled from
view by the dark water. To those who
watch the broadening ripples on the
surface, seconds stretch to hours. It
is not the victim alone for whom time
slows so slowly that there is leisure for
the reviewing of a life.

No one ever estimates correctly the
interval that elapses between the dis-
appearance of the drowning man, be-
neath the surface and the moment
when the body is brought up accom-
panied, if that be speedily accom-
panied, if that be five minutes; but a
majority of those who see it will say it
was half an hour.

In proportion to the seeming exten-
sion of time is the importance of it. A
half minute saved may mean the dif-

ferenced that the bottom could not be
seen, but in every case the swimmer
was quickly located by means of the il-
luminated hook.

The implement is like any ordinary
boathook, except that just above the
gaff, a strong glass bulb is carried. In
the center of the bulb is an ordinary
carbon-filament electric light. Wires run
up inside the handle, and are connected
with a storage battery which may be
so small as to be conveniently carried
upon the belt of the rescuer.

It is the intention to equip the life-
savers along the Seine—where drown-
ing, whether from accident or suicide
is notably frequent—with these devices,
and it is also believed that they can
be of great utility on much-frequented
skating ponds, and at summer resorts
where there is still-water bathing.

TEST COAL WITH AN X-RAY.

Remarkable Announcement Made by
Caryl D. Haskins.

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The remarkable announcement is
made by Mr. Caryl D. Haskins, the
well-known Barton electrician, that we
can now determine by means of the
X-ray exactly how much ash material
there is in the coal that we burn before
it is buried. In other words, turn the
X-ray upon your coal and you can tell
how much of it will remain as ashes
after it is burned and how much will
escape as gas. It really seems as if
some of the most remarkable predic-
tions concerning the Roentgen ray
were coming true.

Mr. Haskins, on being requested to
explain the discovery he believes he has
made has sent the following as an ex-
planation to the public of just what
he believes he has discovered:

It is of first importance to all users
of steam power. The coal which costs
the least per ton is not necessarily the
cheapest coal by any means. One of
the most reliable indications of the
combustible qualities of coal lies in
the percentage of ash. A coal which
burns a large amount of ash is, of
course, a coal which has a relatively
small amount of combustible constitu-
ents and vice versa. It is the deter-
mination of the amount of ash in coal
which I believe can be accomplished
with considerable accuracy by means

of X-rays. The shadow produced upon
the fluoroscope by a piece of coal of a
given size and thickness is apparently
dependent for its relative density upon
the amount of ash producing material
in that piece of coal.

If, therefore, a number of samples of
uniform size and thickness of various
kinds of coal having known percent-
ages of ash be prepared and if a lot of
coal which is to be investigated have
several pieces taken haphazard from
it and reduced to similar sizes and
thicknesses to the pieces of known coals
above referred to, then it is only a
question of matching up the density of
the shadow cast upon the fluoroscope
by the unknown value of coal with a
sample of known value, and the quan-
tity of ash per ton in the coal under
consideration is immediately fixed with
I believe considerable accuracy. The
method may be termed a kind of pho-
to-metric veil.

So important is the subject consid-
ered that it has been taken up for dis-
cussion by a number of scientific so-
cieties both in this country and Europe.
Analytical investigation is sure to fol-
low which it is believed will result in
the most important developments. Mr.
Haskins' experiments in this direction
have been somewhat crude, and yet
they have brought to the attention of
the world knowledge which, from a
mining standpoint, cannot be consid-
ered of too great value.

STRUGGLE WITH WOLVES.

As Fast as They Came Marvin Chucked
Them Into a Well.

George Marvin, a farmer living at the
base of the Cohutta mountains, in
Georgia, had an adventure with wolves
the other night which he will remem-
ber as long as he lives, for it was by
the merest good fortune that he is
alive to-day.

Marvin lives on one of those isolated
mountain farms common in Gilmer and
Fannin counties, and his nearest neigh-
bor is about six miles away. He bought



A FIGHT TO A FINISH.

two pigs and put them in a pen near
the house, and that night the moun-
taineer and his family retired at the
usual hour. They were early awakened
by the squealing of the pigs in the pen,
and Marvin got up and rushed out to
see what was the matter. As he ap-
proached the pen he observed quite a
commotion about it and discerned what
appeared to be a number of large black
dogs in and around the pen. He rushed
to the pen and was immediately at-
tacked by half a dozen or more wolves.
He was wholly unprepared for such an
encounter, and as the brutes sprang
at his breast he could do nothing but
knock them off with his fists, which
he did successfully for several moments.

Marvin's great presence of mind
served him well at this juncture. He
knew it would not do to stoop down
in order to search for a club or any
other weapon, thus incurring the risk
of being immediately overpowered by
the whole pack, but while beating the
wolves off with his fists he walked
slowly backward, feeling the ground
with his feet in the hope of stumbling
upon an ax or some loose wagon spokes,
which he knew to be scattered about
the yard. He failed to find anything,
however, that would be of any assist-
ance to him, but soon stumbled against
the sills which inclosed an open well.

A happy thought occurred to him,
and, bracing himself beside the well,
he flung the first wolf that leaped at
him into it. A splash and a howl told
him that he was rid of one enemy, but
the others were renewing the attack
with savage fury, and as they came at
him one after another was dexterously
landed in the well. When the fight was
over Marvin was almost dead from loss
of blood, his clothing having been torn
into shreds and numerous deep cuts
made in his breast and arms by the
claws and teeth of the animals.

Upon examination of the well next
morning it was found to contain the
bodies of five full-grown wolves, the
first seen in the immediate locality for
five years. In other remote mountain
sections, however, wolves are quite
numerous and their depredations cause
considerable loss to the mountaineer
stock raiser.

Marvin has been confined to his bed
since his desperate encounter, and will
not be able to go about for some time
yet.

AN UNPLEASANT TRIP.

Stowaways Are Locked Sixty Hours
In an Ice Box.

Some persons do not have to go to the
Klondike to endure almost all that is to
be endured in the line of starvation and
cold. A simple trip in a steamer along



IN COLD STORAGE.

the Pacific coast sufficed for Andrew
Jacobson and Harry Christensen.
They embarked at Seattle on the
Umatilla, bound for San Francisco, and,
having no money for passage, proceed-
ed to stow themselves away. Unfortu-
nately, they selected a cold storage
compartment as a hiding place, and
they were soon sealed up. For 60 hours
they suffered torture from hunger,
thirst and cold.

At San Francisco they were released.
One of them seemed to have gone mad,
and both of them were in a frightful
state of collapse. In the course of time
they recovered somewhat and will
probably live.

Toads as Insect Destroyers.
Paris gardeners buy toads for use as
insect destroyers.

Rapid Flight of a Gull.
A gull can fly at the rate of 100 miles
an hour.



SUNDAY SERVICES.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Fendall, D. D., pastor. Sunday
School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services
at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor
will preach in the morning. In the evening
Sunday School mass meeting to be addressed
by Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux and Mr. W. C. Pearce
of Chicago. The Sunday School Orchestra will
play in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.
Strangers and others not worshipping else-
where are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2:25 p. m. K. Loto, Supt.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL.
Corner of Macon street and Hayworth avenue.
Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. P. F. Laughlin,
Supt.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Services in W.
C. T. U. hall. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
At 10:45 a. m. preaching. Theme, "Striving
Up the Gifts." Endeavor service at 5:30 p. m.
Communion a reception of members at morn-
ing hour.

R. J. M. Long, D. D., pastor. Preaching at
10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject,
"The True Heritage." Evening, "Where Art
Thou?" Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Christian
Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets.
Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor. Sunday school at
9:25 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Morning
services at 10:30. Catechetical class at 4 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Edgardo and North.
Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Prof. M. S. Calvin,
Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.;
East Main st. Supt. Communion at 10:45 ser-
mon, "The Power of Love," by Evangelist J.
V. Coombs, who will also lecture to men only at
10 p. m., and preach at 7:30 p. m. on "Christ in
History, Art and Hymns." Junior C. E. at 2 p.
m. Senior C. E. at 6:15 p. m. Revival services
every night until further notice. The big cho-
rus will sing at every service.

W. F. Gilmore, L. D., pastor. Class meet-
ing at 9:40 a. m. L. C. Fell, leader. The day will
be devoted to Sunday school work. Morn-
ing address by Mr. G. W. Miller. Evening by
Mr. W. C. Pearce. Sunday School at 2 p. m.

FIRST M. F. CHURCH.
First Craft Pastor—General Class at 9 a. m.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Frank Ewing
Supt. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermons
by the pastor. Intermediate Endeavor at 4:30
p. m. Session of the Sunday School Institute at
2:30 p. m.; addresses by G. W. Miller, W. C.
Pearce and Mrs. Lamoreaux. No service in the
evening; the congregation uniting in the union
services of the Sunday school Institute.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo
streets. J. Bernard, pastor. Preaching at 10:30
a. m. Morning subject, "The Trial of Our
Faith." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S.
C. E. at 6:30 p. m. No evening service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.
Sunday services Feb. 20, 1898, at 10:30 a. m.
Lesson sermon from the Bible and "Science
and Health," with key to the Scriptures," by
Mary Baker G. Eddy, subject, "The Twelve
Sent Forth to Heal." Sunday school at 11:30 a.
m. Friday evening testimonial meeting at 7:45.
All cordially invited to both meetings. Review
building, second floor front, corner North Main
and North streets.

EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Corner West William and Edward streets.
Rev. Martin Stevenson, pastor. Sunday school
at 9:30 a. m. E. March, Supt. Morning ser-
mon by State Sunday school Worker Pearce.
No night service. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Leahard Avenue School at 9:15 a. m.
CENTURARY U. B. CHURCH.
The Centenary U. B. church, corner of N.
Broadway and Edgardo streets. At 10 a. m. Supt.
pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. W. F. Mont-
gomery, supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning text: 1st Thessa., III, 5. Evan-
gelistic service every evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner of Church and Edgardo streets. Rev.
W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a.
m. Morning services at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E.
subject, "The Touch of Divinity." The S. S.
Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Walter,
will play from the choir at the 10 a. m. ser-
vice. The morning service. Y. P. S. C. E.
at 6:30 p. m. No evening service, the congrega-
tion uniting in the union S. S. services.
Mayflower Mission Sunday school, corner
West Green and Duhamel streets, at 2:30 p. m.

Hecklin's Coughs

If you want absolute satisfaction in
coughs buy the above brand.

An effort is being made to reorganize
the Tatman band at Monticello. It will
accompany an excursion to Chattanooga.

The person who disturbed the congre-
gation last Sunday by coughing is re-
quested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L.
Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey
and Tar, which always gives relief.

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Don't annoy others by your cough-
ing, and risk your life by neglecting a
cold. One Minute Cough Cures
coughs, colds, croup, grippe, and all
throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell,
N. L. Krone.

B. Holmes of Melvin sold nineteen
horses to a Buffalo, N. Y., dealer, who
took the animals at Melvin last Friday.

What pleasure is there in life with a
headache, constipation and biliousness?
Thousands experience them who could
become perfectly healthy by using
DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the fam-
ous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L.
Krone.

Freeman Gump and Miss Rose Snyder
of Belmont, were married Wednesday.

B. H. Penn has sold his farm, a mile
north of Wamao, to S. B. Dugger.



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Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed,
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How many teeth were needed when she
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any to be extracted. You need all of them
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the ache. Proper care, if taken early, will
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aches, and if not taken until too late to
save the tooth by filling it we can crown it,
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Reserved seats on sale Tuesday morning at 9
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toe. It is bent
and joined to
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W. A. Flint of Hoopston has traded
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goods to S. J. Pearson for 120 acres of
land near Moonon, Ind.

All the leading balsamic virtues of
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Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Na-
ture's own remedy for coughs and colds.
Sold by all druggists.

Hoopston gave a grand banquet in fur-
therance of a project to get a modern
union depot at the crossing of the C. & E.
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Bromoline will positively cure a cold
in 24 hours. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

Rev. Stevenson of Claco has gone to In-
dianapolis to receive throat treatment,
and Rev. Grove of Champaign will oc-
cupy the Claco pulpit during the for-
mer's absence.

Charles Johnson and Frank Stevenson
of Urbana will build new residences this
spring, and the J. Smith business build-
ing there will be extended and remodeled.

Wonders Never Cease.

No one need suffer the tortures of
rheumatism, because that modern lin-
iment, Salvation Oil, positively cures it.
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REDEMPTION NOTICE.
To H. H. Cassell and the owners and parties
interested in the lands or heretofore de-
scribed: You are hereby notified that at a
sale of lands and interests in said county
and special sale in pursuance of law, by the
county collector of the county of Macon
and state of Illinois, at the north outside door
of the court house, in said county, on the
25th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock
a. m., the following described real estate
belonging to H. H. Cassell, will be sold to
satisfy a judgment in favor of J. C. Hostetler,
assignee of F. L. Taylor, for the sum of
\$1,000.00, with interest thereon from the
date of said judgment to the date of sale.
The said real estate is situated in the
county of Macon, state of Illinois, and is
described as follows: Lot 1, block 12, in
subdivision of the south half of block 12, in
the city of Decatur, Illinois, and is
assessed for the year 1896, including in-
terest, penalties and costs due thereon, and
assigned the certificate of purchase thereof to
me, and at the time said real estate was
assessed it was taxed in the name of H. H.
Cassell, and that said real estate is subject
thereof from said sale will expire on the
25th day of June, 1897.
J. C. HOSTETLER, Assignee of F. L. Taylor.

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To John Rucker Heirs and the owners and
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Going Out of Business!

We have decided to discontinue the China business is Decatur and will proceed to close out our entire stock of China, Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Granite and Tinware as fast as possible. This will be a genuine closing out sale to quit the business. It is no "fake" or excuse to reduce stock as everything will go at a price that will insure quick sales. Merchants in and out of the city will be given special prices on lines if closed out in bulk. We invite you to come and take the goods at less than factory prices. The stock is up to date and everything will be sold without reserve. We desire to call special attention to our extensive line of Cups and Saucers. We have arranged them in lots at the following prices:

After Dinner Coffees.		Fancy Cups and Saucers.		German and Carlsbad		Cups and Saucers.	
Lot 1.	Lot 5.	Lot 9.	Lot 13.	Lot 16.	Lot 20.	Lot 17.	Lot 21.
80—Former price 10c to 15c.	500—Former price 65c to \$1.25.	150—Former price 25c.	\$1.00—Former price \$1.25 to 2.25	90—Former price 10c to 30c.	350—Former price 50c to 75c.	150—Former price 25c to 40c.	450—Former price 65c to \$1.00.
Lot 2.	Lot 6.	Lot 10.	Lot 14.	Lot 18.	Lot 22.	Lot 19.	Lot 23.
150—Former price 20c to 35c.	600—Former price 75c to \$1.50.	350—Former price 50c to 60c.	Assorted Mustache Cups and Saucers at 75c to \$1.25, former price \$1.00 to \$1.75.	200—Former price 30c to 45c.	450—Former price 65c to \$1.00.	250—Former price 40c to 55c.	In addition to these lots we have a great variety of Mustache Cups ranging in price from 15c to 60c.
Lot 3.	Lot 7.	Lot 11.	Lot 15.				
200—Former price 25c to 40c.	700—Former price 90c to \$1.75.	500—Former price 75c to \$1.25.	Assorted Bouillon Cups and Saucers at 75c to \$1.25, former price \$1.25 to \$2.75.				
Lot 4.	Lot 8.	Lot 12.					
350—Former price 50c to 75c.	\$1.00—Former price \$1.25 to \$2.	750—Former price \$1 to \$1.75.					

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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WANTED—For general housework at 25 West Main street. Call Tuesday morning.

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash ave., telephone 667. HAYS & ANTHONY, oct 13-dt

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 906. D. M. SMITH, West 19th and Fugh street car line. Feb 18-23w

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FOR SALE—One eight foot Metal Show Case, in perfect condition. WEST'S DRUG STORE, Lincoln Square. 15-36

FOR SALE—A large Tuft's Soda Fountain, and all fixtures, complete in every respect for a first class soda trade. Will be sold at a very low price. Cash only. WEST'S DRUG STORE, Lincoln Square. 15-36

FOR SALE—A No. 1, superlative Kimball or for sale very cheap. Call at 95 East Central street. C. B. ADKINSON. 20-3d

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets, East Lake Park, newly decorated, will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1780 North Clinton street; new phone 135. 27-1c

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A comfortable dwelling; and good stable, outbuildings, well and cistern, and a garden place, 24 miles east of Decatur, twenty two acres of ground, has been used for garden purposes 15 years. Apply to J. R. RACK, Decatur. Feb 12-3d

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LOANS...

Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 127 North Water street. LOW RATES. May 20-dt GEO. W. EINHART.

SAMUEL MURDIE LOANS AND SECURITIES, ROOMS 709-84, MILLIKIN BANK BLDG., DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

OF ALL KINDS Made by LOANS PEGRAM & CO., Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank. Open evenings 10 till 8 p. m.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS, LOAN BROKER, All Classes of Loans Negotiated. North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHONE Old No. 200, New No. 300, for the Blooming Prairie, also for the Flower, in Kansas, Carthage, Hyacinths, Violets, etc. N. B. BOMMERSBACH. Dec 21-dt

HORSE-SHOEING.—The undersigned has opened a horse-shoeing and light tire setting shop at 124 West Prairie Avenue, where all work will be guaranteed to be second to none in the city. At prices as low as good work can be done. K. L. WEALEY, Prop'r. Feb. 14-dm

CURRY & POOLE, Milk, Cream, Butter and Dressed Poultry, Wholesale and Retail, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 24-dt

PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, CAVENDISH, on Chicago and other ornaments, supplies, etc., in the Commercial Stamp line, order of J. M. Myers, proprietor of the Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, 30 S. Church street, Chicago, Ill., Decatur, Ill. Mar 1-dt

R. C. ROBIN, Architect and Builder, Office Rooms 1 and 3, Third Floor, Review Building, North Main street.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bed-room suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 14-dt

SERVICES.—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch rubber with your old name design, write work of all kinds and sizes from two inches to three feet. J. R. Water or 1115 E. Franklin street. 20-3d

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Pacific, at the very lowest prices. PETER H. BRUECK, agent White Star Line and Hamburg-American Line, 215 N. Main. Feb 11-dt

LESSONS IN ART EMBROIDERY.—Battenburg and Honiton finished Pieces, Sofa Pillows, Covers, Blankets, Linens, in the latest designs. All kinds of materials furnished. I will be at Mrs. Taylor's Millinery Store on Water street for a few days only. MRS. JOHNSON. 17-36

Blue Grass Clothing shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repairs are necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan 21-dt

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov. 28th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I have suffered from rheumatism, and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicine for rheumatism I tried your Rheumatism Cure, and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, TOM PENWELL, ticket agent, C. & N. R.

FOUND at LAST.—A place where a pure whiskey can be bought direct from the manufacturer exactly like it was made fifty years ago. V. D. Ross, manufacturer of the old Dan-gerous Whiskey, made in Macon county, Ill. For medical purposes it has no equal. I will sell direct to consumers, from one gallon up to \$2.50 per gallon, and will give dealers prices very low. My motto has ever been "Quality and not quantity." All I ask is an examination of my goods. I sell no other except straight Dan-gerous Whiskey. Terms cash. The address of the transfer house, No. 150, Decatur, Ill. Feb 10-24w

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The undersigned, as assignee of Michael Eichinger, insolvent, offers for sale the following valuable property: 1st lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 2nd lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 3rd lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 4th lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 5th lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 6th lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of Decatur, Ill. 7th lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres of land, situated in the city of 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Decatur, Ill. 48th lot in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 10

SOLID FACTS

We do not profess to sell everything on earth cheaper than anybody else, but when the question is legitimate merchandise in our line, we flatter ourselves to be right on top of the heap.

Our low prices admit of no discount, and the qualities we give are the best premiums you could ask for.

These are Undisputed Facts

and there is no lever so powerful as plain and simple facts. This is the reason that we are making and presenting them to the people every day.

We Warrant Our Prices to be Right

That is, we absolutely guarantee them at least as low if not lower—equal all around excellence considered—than can be found anywhere. Our store must stand first in the estimation of the purchasing public.

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Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
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We have them in Ladies' Vesting Faced Shoes, the NEWEST THING OUT. What we have are seasonable fashions, such as are worn by people of good taste, and at popular prices, too.

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DO YOU NEED ANY? See Prices.

- 1 case Summer Corsets... 25c
- 1 " DRAB Summer... 49c
- 1 " White " ... 50c
- 1 " Short " ... \$1.00

THERE'S a difference between CORSETS made exactly right and CORSETS made just to sell. Wear will soon betray this secret. ANTHONY sells all the popular makes and makes popular prices.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koek.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Hedrick & Kuehnik.—15c-dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J. 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Only \$15.30 to New Orleans and return via I. C. R. R., on February 19 and 20.

The grocer's profit is no concern of yours. If you want the Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages insist on getting it. It is the easiest and quickest polishing starch made.—18-dimo.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Duffee & Culp. Feb 9-dtf

Next Tuesday will be a red letter day in Decatur for the Knights of Pythias. The school of instruction will be held afternoon and evening at the hall of Chevalier Bayard lodge. Grand Chancellor Serrano and other state officers will be present.

Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver, Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you. Sold by all druggists.

Low rate to New Orleans on February 19 and 20. The Illinois Central railroad will sell tickets to New Orleans and return at the extremely low rate of \$15.30, tickets good six days from date of sale; also tickets good 10 days for \$17.80 round trip. Tickets will be on sale at city office, 121 East William street or at Union depot.—10-dtf

A. F. Kenny, who is employed in the carpenter department of the Wabash car shops, had his hand severely crushed between two pieces of timber yesterday. It was thought at first that there would be no serious consequences from the injury, but later developments made the removal of the thumb necessary. Dr. Parish performed the operation this morning.

Hundreds of lives saved every year by having Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house just when it is needed. Cures croup, heals burns, cuts, wounds of every sort. Sold by all druggists.

Cheap Rates to Mobile. Account Mardi Gras the Wabash R. R. will on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, sell tickets to Mobile and return via St. Louis and M. & O. railway, good returning six days, at \$11.05. Good returning 10 days at \$13.55. For particulars call at city or depot office. 11-48c

Preparing for Their Concert. The members of the choir of St. James German Catholic church are making extensive preparations for the concert which they will give at the Turner hall on February 22. Prof. Soldan and the school children will assist.

Sonnets purify the blood and beautify the complexion—Cure constipation 25 cents.

Cigars. Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market. L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

Buy Heckie's. Lalla Rookh Coffee in one pound cans, 30 cents.

Banks Will Close. The banks of the city will be closed on next Tuesday, Washington's birthday.

Lalla Rookh Coffee. Is packed in one pound tin cans. Cost you 30 cents per pound.

Meeting for Men Only. Evangelist J. V. Coombs will lecture to men only at the tabernacle at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Subject: "Hunting a Man." Free admission, and all men and boys cordially invited.

Morris-Brown. Married, Wednesday, February 16, at Illinois, David Morris of Bement and Miss Mary Brown of Illinois. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. U. Manuel, pastor of the Catholic church at Illinois, and the attendants were Michael and Unity Brown. The groom is a farmer and the bride is a daughter of Mr. Patrick Brown.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous people, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 30c.

INSTITUTE OPENS

S. S. Workers Gather at First M. E. Church.

INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS

Are Held and Excellent Papers are Read—Another Session Will be Held Sunday Afternoon.

The annual Mason county Sunday school institute opened this morning at the First Methodist church. The session was called to order by Rev. Frost Craft at 10 a. m. There was a devotional service of half an hour, after which a paper was read on the subject "Methods in Bible Study," by G. W. Miller, state worker. He said first of all read the Bible daily, consecutively, thoughtfully. Study construction, writers, who, when, what and why. Study the purpose, the doctrine, the topics and the biographies.

The next paper was on "Principles of Bible Teaching," by Mr. Pierce, another of the state workers. He said that Bible teaching is feeding. For this we need a general store of provisions and a select store. Prepare for teaching by studying books on teaching, by acquaintance with other teachers, visit at least one convention, one institute and one other school each year, then practice teaching. There are several ways of teaching, first of which is the question method. Do not ignore dull pupils, do not ask questions in rotation, do not indicate in advance the one who is to answer, do not suggest the answer. Another method is teaching by illustration. An illustration ought to be like the lesson and familiar to the pupil. In teaching seek the pupil's plane of thought, discover the point of contact, arouse his interest, then instruct.

After the paper the morning session was adjourned. Mr. Pierce, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Lamoreaux are sent out by the state association to hold institutes in the different counties for the purpose of assisting the work. They have been holding meetings in different parts of the county.

This afternoon the discussions were on primary work and Mrs. Lamoreaux was the leader. Miss Lillian Chodsey spoke on "Prayer for the Children." The subject of a paper by Mrs. Lamoreaux was "Problems, Principles and Primary Work." Mrs. Dr. C. P. Kennedy spoke on "Programs," Mrs. Sue Odor spoke on "Little Things Needful," and Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux spoke on the subject, "Next Sunday's Lesson Taught to the Children."

This evening there will be a song service at 7:15 o'clock and Mrs. Lamoreaux will deliver an address on primary work. The program for Sunday afternoon will be as follows:

General Subject—The Child.
8:30—Song and Praise Service, Rev. S. H. Bowyer.

8:00—The Bible and the Child, G. W. Miller.

8:30—The Home and the Child, W. C. Pearson.

4:00—Jesus and the Children, Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux.

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PERSONAL.

—Dr. Everett J. Brown was at Monticello today.

—B. J. Hardy is again at his place of business after a week's vacation.

—Mrs. Nettie Torrence of Maroa is visiting Decatur friends.

—Miss Annie Packard will sing a solo at the First M. E. church Sunday morning.

—Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen is visiting with friends and relatives at Ann Arbor, Mich.

—George Dodson of Spokane, Wash., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dodson.

—Charles Faith and Fred Schroder of Warrensburg transacted business in the city today.

—Mrs. N. Dyer and daughter, Miss Cora, are entertaining Messrs. C. E. Searles and G. Hesser of Springfield.

—Mrs. W. E. Cook and son of Shelbyville, who were here to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hardy, returned to their home this morning.

—Mrs. Catherwood, who has been the guest of G. P. Hardy and family returned to her home at Shelbyville this afternoon. Miss Nora Hardy accompanied her for a short visit.

—Mrs. J. D. Miller left today for Indianapolis, where she will attend the spring millinery openings. Mrs. Miller will take a position as trimmer for the house of Carvin, Muir & Co., for the spring season.

—S. J. Workman of Springfield, district agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. and W. T. Van Aradai, of Chicago, superintendent of the agencies of this district for this company, are in the city.

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LOST HIS CLOTHES

Railroad Man Missed a Suit and Shoes from Room

OSCAR SCHULER INSANE

Tried Today in County Court Before Judge Hammer—No Business in the Circuit Court To-Day.

A railroad man named McMillan, who boards at Martin's restaurant on North Jasper street, had the unpleasant experience of losing his clothes. He is away from his boarding place a good deal of the time while working on the road. He left a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes in his room and today it was discovered that they had been stolen. The man applied to the police headquarters and made complaint and he was told to go to Officer Ed Leach and have the matter investigated. This afternoon Officer Leach had not heard anything of the matter.

Melvin Tice, the 18 year old boy, who was taken up by the police yesterday is still in custody. He is at the police station and is being cared for until his father, who has been telegraphed, gives some directions as to what is to be done with the child.

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